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12 shot dead in army post rampage

TEXAS A U.S. army psychiatrist set to be shipped overseas allegedly opened fire at the Fort Hood, Texas, army post Thursday, in a rampage that killed 12 people in the worst mass shooting ever at a military base in the United States.

The suspected gunman was wounded and in stable condition under military guard, said Lt. Gen. Bob Cone at Fort Hood. Col. Ben Danner said the suspect was shot at least four times.

The man was identified as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old, eight-year veteran from Virginia.

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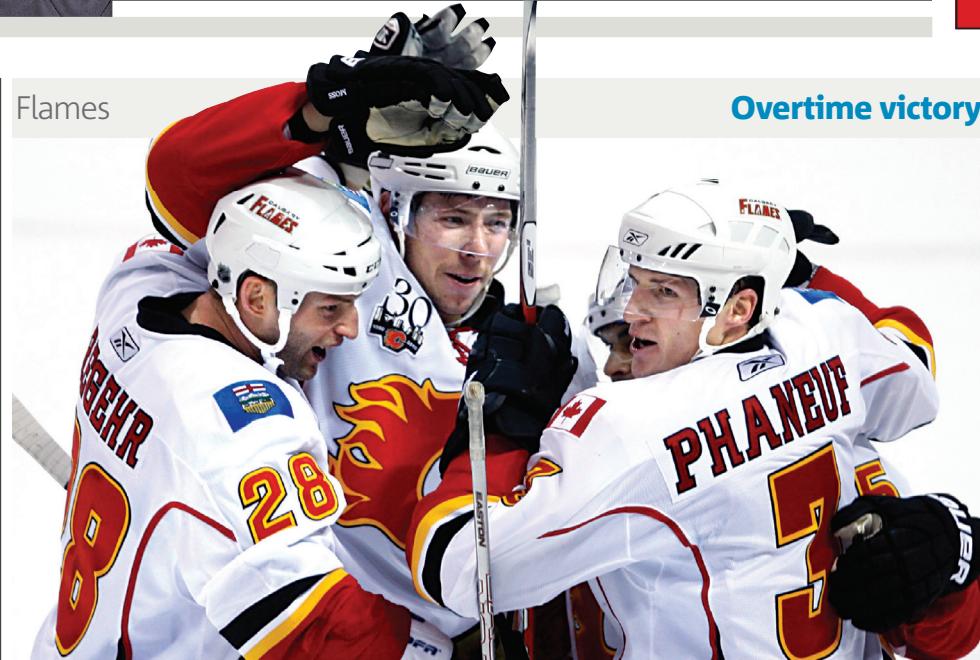
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Overtime victory

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Calgary Flame Dion Phaneuf celebrates with teammates after scoring the winning goal in overtime in their game against the St. Louis Blues on Thursday in St. Louis. The Flames beat the Blues 2-1. Story, page 18.

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VACCINATION As scores of parents and children lined up yesterday at the city's vaccine clinics, one distinct word was tossed around — missing from last week — organized.

While lineups were still long, they were a lot more efficient and a lot faster, according to Alberta Health Services spokesperson Bruce Conway, and Calgarians agreed.

"We got the immunizations for our two little ones in just over two hours, but it was organized and we didn't mind it at all," mother Leanne Penner said of the wait at the Richmond Centre.

"We didn't even attempt to go last week though, we're more of the wait-back-and-see kind of people," father Erv added.

Mother Kris Clarke was happy to see it was children only yesterday as the target high-risk group and commended the new system the AHS was toting.

"We were able to get bracelets, leave, and come back and keep our numbers. If it was more than a three-hour wait, they send you home to come back later," she said.

Today will target pregnant women at the clinics throughout the city. Meanwhile, four more Albertans have died from H1N1, officials announced yesterday.

Key vote for premier

Stelmach faces leadership review this weekend by fellow Tories

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach faces a critical leadership review this weekend by his own Tory party members amid growing tension within the ranks.

Stelmach's plunging popularity in recent polls has caused two former premiers to make rare public statements both for and against his continued leadership.

Former premier Peter Lougheed says the Progressive Conservative party needs to rally behind Stelmach.

"We're into very challenging times right now in the Alberta economy and it's

"We're into very challenging times right now ... and it's very important that the party be supportive of their leader."

Former premier Peter Lougheed

very important that the party be supportive of their leader," said Lougheed, who led the Tories to power in 1971.

In contrast, former premier Ralph Klein said recently that he felt Alberta's business community was ready for a change in leadership.

Klein told The Canadian Press last month that Stelmach should "step down" if he doesn't get at least 70

per cent support in the leadership vote.

Klein was forced to resign as premier in 2006 after he received only 55 per cent support in a leadership review. Alberta's Tories hold the votes in the year after a general election.

Stelmach has politely rejected Klein's benchmark, but refuses to say how much support he feels he needs to continue as party leader.

"It's in the hands of the delegates," he said Thursday. "This is a difficult time with the recession and how that reflects."

The premier dismissed poll results that continue to show the Wildrose Alliance party — a right-wing upstart that currently holds only one seat in the legislature — gaining ground on his Tories.

"The most important poll is election day and that will be March 2012," he said.

Stelmach has faced a pile of nagging controversies, most recently over the province's swine-flu vaccination program.

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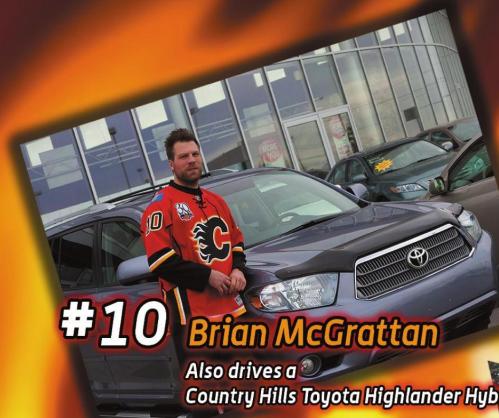
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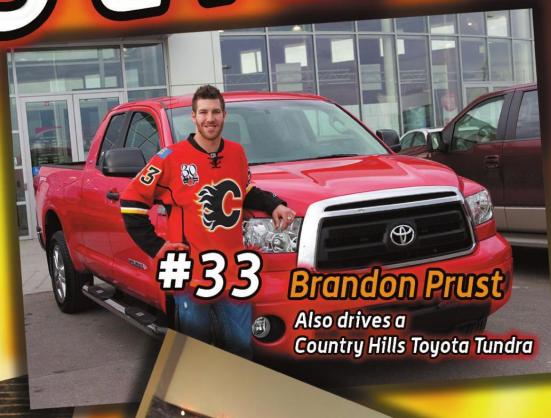
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APPEAL Convicted of five counts of manslaughter, cement truck driver Daniel Tschetter is appealing his six-year sentence on grounds that the sentence is "unfit," according to the notice of appeal. Tschetter was convicted in May, 2009 in connection with the collision Dec. 7, 2007 that killed Malaina Hovdebo, 33, Christopher Gautreau, 41, and children Zachary Morrison, 16 months, Kiarra, 6, and Alexia, 9.

ROBBERY Police are seeking a man who allegedly robbed a northeast dry cleaning shop three times in three weeks. Temple Dry Cleaning and Alterations was hit on Oct. 19, Oct. 29, and Nov. 4 — and in each robbery the offender is described as medium skin tone, 30 to 40 years old, 5-8 to 5-10 and between 140 and 150 pounds.

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Calgary tweets

- **@Mel_Brown** Addison had her #H1N1yy shot today... went at 8:30 am to the Whitehorn EMS... was only there 2 hours total! Pretty good!
- **@JPross** WAP leading in Calgary, above the Cons. Does Stelmach still think he has the trust of the people? #ableg
- **@a_picazo** @ABPrime-time I'd rate Stelmach's leadership somewhere between disaster and catastrophe, same goes for the health board. BOTH need to go ASAP
- **@VolunteerCal** #yyc Women's Centre needs help in wrapping, stocking, selecting and sorting gifts in the Christmas Toy Room. Call Mickey at 403-264-1155.

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Mayer coming to town

Pop singer John Mayer announced his 2010 Battle Studies concert tour and will make a stop at the Pengrowth Saddledome on April 3. Special guests opening will be Michael Franti and Spearhead. Tickets for the show go on sale on Nov. 21 at all Ticketmaster locations or at [ticketmaster.ca](#).

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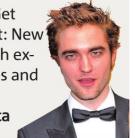
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BELDEN, Mary Lou (nee Joblin)
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CONGO, Eunice
DEETER, Doris Elaine
DODDRIDGE, Robert (Bob) Leo
ENGEL, Edward Karol
GARDNER, Gene
GREEN, Alice Fay
HILL, Gillian (Gill)
ISSLER, Paul
JACKSON, Russell
LEONARD, George
LIPSEY, Robert Bob George
LORIA, Caterina
MACDOUGALL, Evelyn L
MAURER, Sandra Gayle (nee Glanville)
McCABE, Sylvia Grey (Mom)
MCLEAN, Helen (nee Harder)
MCINTOSH, Elizabeth Betty Berry
PAYNE, Howard Alan
SALIBA, Hassib Wade
SCHAFFER, Elsie (nee Rutschke)
SCHREIBER, Edna Ann
SCOTT, George Ross
SHERS, Loretta Mae
SHER, Ralph
SHERMAN, Marjorie Agnes
THOLENAER, Bruce Arnold
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While the number of metered tickets in downtown Calgary has nearly doubled over last year, it's still lower than tickets issued in 2005 — and the number of tickets per space has dropped by 21 per cent.

26.9 in 2009 — primarily due to nearly 500 more inventoried spots.

"Calgarians are complying. They're using the ParkPlus System. It's giving them a convenient method to pay," he said, adding that with the old coin meter system, more people took chances parking and not plunking, and were often ticketed.

More convenient payment methods like credit card and cellphone have put the compliance rate

Ticket tallies

Number of Parking Tickets issued by CPA

- 2005 – 136,000
- 2006 – 127,000
- 2007 – 102,000
- 2008 – 70,000
- 2009 – 132,000

ParkPlus has created a more efficient turnover of parkers, increasing traffic and vibrancy in the core, by ensuring greater compliance with parking time limits because of the ease of ticketing.

"People are appreciating the fact they can more often find (parking) spots," she said.

Schofield added that parking tickets did not appear to be a deterrent for people coming into the downtown.

for parking at a respectable 84 per cent.

Calgary Downtown Association executive director Maggie Schofield said

Mayors suggests Clean to the Core may get another \$1M

Review yesterday and promised no cuts to the successful program.

"There is a recommendation there are some budget dollars identified within the 2010 budget to further enhance important requirements in centre city," Bronconnier said.

"It will not go as far as I believe it should, but it will be a step in the right direction."

Bronconnier said the city will be mindful of keeping property taxes the lowest in the country when deliberating.

"One hundred and twenty-five thousands Calgarians work downtown and another 30,000 live there. It's the heart of the city and it has to be safe for everyone," Bronconnier added.

Bronconnier believes the

injection might hover around \$1 million for the city centre revitalization efforts to continue, which have been successful to date according to program manager Lorna Wallace.

"When Clean to the Core started three years ago, we were experiencing issues around safety and cleanliness. Now we're seeing results and successes," she said.

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MADD campaign kicking off

DRUNK DRIVING Mothers Against Drunk Driving has launched its annual Project Red Ribbon Campaign encouraging people to tie red ribbons to their car antennas to represent safe and sober driving.

MADD will run the campaign until Jan. 4 to promote sober driving throughout the holidays. According to MADD, drunk driving costs the Canadian government \$12.9 billion each year.

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Airport installs express pay lots

PARKING The Calgary International Airport is now equipped with 24 express pay stations in high-traffic areas that will allow users to pay by credit card. Drivers will have 15 minutes to leave the parkade after paying, according to airport officials.

The new equipment is designed for efficient and easy pay.

There will also be an addition of 1,930 stalls added to the new parkade.

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A few spots are still available for girls aged 7 to 14 to participate in a free Scotiabank Girls HockeyFest with Olympic gold medal winner Carla Macleod. Registration deadline is Nov. 9 and teams can register at scotiaockeyclub.com/calgary. METRO CALGARY

The Beat Niq still goes on

Jazz club to stay open after membership drive adds 500 new clients

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Rob Young never even considered the day when his club would no longer be a venue for promoting artists in Calgary's burgeoning jazz music scene.

Earlier this year, Young, owner of the iconic Beat Niq Jazz and Social Club was faced with the prospect of shutting its doors after 16 years.

Buoyed by the support of over 500 new members acquired during a summer and fall membership drive, the downtown arts relic will continue to entertain thousands of music-loving Calgarians.

"(The support) was overwhelming. It's definitely encouraging to see that not only the jazz community, but the arts community in general stepped up to the plate and showed their support for us," said Young.

Young and a team of seven tireless volunteers were



Rob Young, owner of the Beat Niq Jazz and Bistro, is overwhelmed by the support received from Calgarians during a recent membership drive to keep the club open.

met with initial skepticism because they were a for-profit business attempting to sell memberships like a not-for-profit operation. But, a steady stream of loyal Calgarians recognized the cultural and musical significance of Beat Niq.

Young said, and soon the membership swelled.

Now, the club can continue to provide home for a core group of 20 to 25

Calgary musicians to hone their skills in a live venue — and offer the opportunity to play with some world-

class jazz musicians who tour the city.

What would have happened had the Beat Niq shut down?

"We would probably have lost a piece of the city's music history," said Young.

'Who cares? Alberta' asks lobby group

HEALTH CARE Impending cuts to services for the disabled has prompted a new campaign by an Alberta lobby group.

Public Interest Alberta has launched 'Who Cares? Alberta' to lobby the provincial government to initiate a three-year social infrastructure plan. Their area of interest is ensuring that people with disabilities have access to competent caregivers, explains Bill Moore-Kilgannon, the executive director of Public Interest Alberta. The province announced that these caregivers will not receive a pay increase as was initially budgeted, but will instead receive a one-time bonus.

"The fact that we couldn't increase the wages to a full five per cent this year, doesn't mean that the services for persons with developmental disabilities would be any less," said

MLA Mary Anne Jablonski, the minister for seniors and community supports.

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Eric Fairlie kept kids waiting in line for flu shots in Avenida amused with magic tricks yesterday.

Smiles in the clinic line

Turning a line of frowns into smiles isn't an easy task — especially when it's young kids — but one Calgary performer is taking on the task.

Eric Fairlie of Quicksilver Entertainment said he decided to surprise kids and parents in line at the Avenida H1N1 immunization clinic yesterday morning with balloons and tricks to lighten the mood.

"The parents were so relieved, and the kids were being patient, waiting for their balloons and everyone seemed happy I was there," he said. "I just thought this was a good opportunity to be able to give back and help out."

Alberta Health Services spokesperson Bruce Conroy said as long as Fairlie had permission from the property owners, they

were okay with it.

"We think it's a nice thing he is doing to help lighten the mood," he added.

Laurie Prosser was waiting at the Avenida location with her young daughter when they caught a performance. "I think it's a great idea because it entertains the kids while we wait," she said.

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Caribou decline a hoax: Outfitter
 Caribou herds aren't shrinking; scientists are just looking in the wrong place. That's the opinion of some aboriginal elders and at least one outfitter determined to expose what he calls a fraud. John Andre, owner of Montana-based Shoshone Wilderness Adventures, has maintained for years that official estimates of caribou populations have been manipulated. Government biologists, he says, have deliberately created the impression of declines.

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News in brief

DRUG BUST Authorities say a man was caught smuggling more than 40 kilograms of Ecstasy across the Michigan-Ontario border, then co-operated with agents to pinch the men waiting for the delivery. The man was caught Tuesday afternoon driving an empty car carrier across the Ambassador Bridge from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit.

POLITICS Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, under fire for sitting on a 2008 RCMP report on the Canadian firearms program, suggested staff at the national firearms registry are

deliberately hiding information in order to ensure the registry's survival. Van Loan's stunning claim came on a day when another RCMP report showed the firearms registry of the Canadian gun control program is costing less and being used more than ever by police.

COURTS The widow of late boxing champion Arturo Gatti has been awarded \$40,000 to cover legal fees and child-care costs. The sum falls far short of the \$150,000 advance that Amanda Rodrigues was seeking.

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St. John's Lone survivor



Robert Decker, 28, the lone survivor of a helicopter crash that killed 17 off Newfoundland's east coast, Robert Wells, commissioner of the Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry and Decker's lawyer Dan Simmons, right to left, are viewed on monitors at the inquiry into the incident in St. John's, Thursday.

Tories cash in on stimulus: Study

The biggest winners of the Conservatives' stimulus extravaganza include one of the prime minister's closest friends, a riding the Tories desperately hope to win in a by-election next week and a longtime party stalwart.

Eastern Ontario MP Scott Reid, the Nova Scotia riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley and British Columbia MP Jim Abbott are three of the clearest winners in the distribution of stimulus spending, a broad analysis shows.

The analysis assigned each stimulus project a score, according to whether the government said it was small (under \$100,000), medium (between \$100,000 and \$1

million), large (between \$1 million and \$5 million) or extra-large (over \$5 million). The results show that Conservatives come out on top in most provinces, although occasional opposition ridings do well, too. In B.C., Conservatives win seven of the top 10 rankings. Ditto for Ontario. In New Brunswick, three of the top four scores go to Tories.

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Raitt's expenses spark probe call

CASH Liberals are demanding an audit of controversial expenses claimed by Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt during her stint as president of the Toronto Port Authority.

Liberal Paul Szabo has added Auditor General Sheila Fraser to the list of watchdogs he wants to probe alleged ethical lapses by Raitt.

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Games torch route sets parties aflame

Conservative ridings are the favourites, angry Liberals and NDP complain

The Liberals and NDP are up in arms because residents of ridings held by the Harper Conservatives will have a much better chance of taking part in the Olympic torch relay celebrations.

In Ontario, the torch will manage to hit nearly three-fifths of the 51 Conservative-held ridings.

Across the country, the torch relay will be celebrated in 91 Conservative-held ridings, 20 Liberal ridings, 17 NDP ridings and 17 Bloc Québécois ridings.

VANOC, the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee, denies the Conservative government had any input into the torch relay route.

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Pat Martin,
Minister of Parliament
NDP

But the Liberals and NDP say the heavy weighting of celebrations in Conserva-

tive ridings couldn't be a coincidence.

"An Olympics is supposed to be a national celebration," said Toronto Liberal MP Ken Dryden.

"I think it's petty, I think it's cheap," said NDP MP Pat Martin.

The Conservatives say the opposition complaints are off the mark.

"This torch relay route was designed 100 per cent by VANOC, not the government," Heritage Minister James Moore told MPs.

Andrea Shaw, VANOC's vice-president of sponsorship and marketing, said: "The route planning was not based whatsoever on political ridings."

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Quebec blasts gun vote

FIREARMS If federal politicians want to kill the gun registry, they may have to stare down the families of Polytechnique massacre victims and a high-profile delegation from Quebec.

The province's public safety minister reacted furiously to a move to scrap the long-gun registry, which was inspired by the murder of 14 Montreal university students almost 20 years ago.

Jacques Dupuis said he wants to testify at the parliamentary committee in

"We can't lose this advantage that we have"

Serge Menard

Ottawa studying the registry — and he plans to bring along relatives of Polytechnique victims.

The backlash comes after the Conservative caucus, 12 New Democrats and eight Liberals voted to scrap the long-gun registry.

The Bloc Québécois has launched a fiery new ad

campaign in one Montreal riding where a by-election is set for next week.

Blood-oozing, bullet-riddled posters suggest the pan-Canadian parties are one and the same when it comes to gun control.

"It seems obvious that the political party that, as a whole, is clearly in favour of the firearms registry is the Bloc Québécois," said the Bloc's public safety critic Serge Menard.

"We can't lose this advantage that we have."

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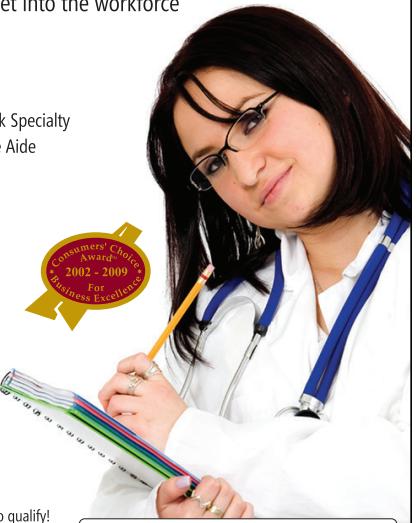
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Spain says Internet-related child pornography has risen tenfold in the past five years. Francisco Villanueva of the Interior Ministry says the number of cases has gone from 108 in 2004 to 1,024 last year. Other Internet-related crimes also rose. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Suspected shooter's blog investigated

The U.S. Army psychiatrist suspected of carrying out a shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, had come to the attention of authorities six months ago because of Internet postings that discussed suicide bombings and other threats, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

The postings appeared to have been made by Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who was wounded during the shootings at the Army post that killed 12 soldiers and wounded at least 30 others.

A Fort Hood spokesman had earlier said Hasan was killed. The officials say they are still trying to confirm that Hasan was the author of the Internet postings. One of the postings that authorities reviewed is a blog that equates suicide bombers with a soldier throwing himself on a grenade to save the lives of his comrades.

"To say that this soldier committed suicide is inappropriate. Its (sic) more appropriate to say he is a brave hero that sacrificed

his life for a more noble cause," said the Internet posting. "Scholars have paralleled (sic) this to suicide bombers whose intention, by sacrificing their lives, is to help save Muslims by killing enemy soldiers."

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News in brief

INTERNET Google on Thursday launched its Dashboard feature, which summarizes the

information that has been gleaned when you have used any of 20 Google products, in-

cluding Gmail, Google Alerts and Calendar.

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Killings shaking Brits' faith in Afghan mission

AFGHANISTAN The deaths of five British soldiers gunned down by an Afghan policeman has shaken U.K. public support for the war in Afghanistan, intensifying debate about the human cost of the conflict and increasing calls for a pullout.

If British troops can't trust the Afghan colleagues they are supposed to be training, critics asked Thursday, how can they fight the Taliban? And where does it leave an exit strategy that depends on handing over control to Afghan forces?

The deaths dominated newspaper front pages, television news shows and radio phone-ins, even as the Ministry of Defence announced the death of another British soldier Thursday in an explosion in Helmand province.

Several newspapers used the same photo, of the



An Afghan man outbursts in anger over a raid that killed a man Thursday. NATO forces said the dead man was a militant.

bloodied flak jacket of one of the victims.

"I don't think we ever should have gone there," said Jane Cooke, 49, expressing an increasingly common view.

"There is an inner conflict going on there, and it's never going to be resolved."

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UN pulls workers

- The United Nations said Thursday that it will send more than half its international staff either out of Afghanistan or into more secure compounds following last week's deadly Taliban attack against UN workers.

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Missing baby found hidden under babysitter's bed

A Florida baby missing for five days was found alive in a box under her babysitter's bed, and authorities said Thursday they plan to charge the sitter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Africa could split in two ... literally

Africa's eastern edge has begun to crack away along a 60-kilometre rift that appeared virtually overnight.

According to a new study, the continent will eventually split along a 5,000-kilometre line between

Ethiopia in the north and Mozambique in the south. A huge new ocean will fill the gap between the resultant land masses. The surface fault in the arid, sparsely populated region of Afar in Ethiopia appeared over

the course of 10 days in September 2005, according to seismologist Atalay Ayele of Addis Ababa University. At its widest, the so-called Afar Depression is roughly a football field across. At its deepest, it goes down 2 km.

Ayele described it Thursday "as the most exciting place on Earth" to study the large-scale seismic effects of tectonic shifting.

The split is not expected any time soon. Ayele referred to a "geologic time

scale" running to a million years.

However, he said, "a series of volcanic events" might push that timetable up significantly, to a thousand years or so.

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News in brief

TEXAS The first polygamist sect member to face trial following last year's raid at the Yearning For Zion Ranch was convicted Thursday of sexually assaulting an underage girl with whom he had a so-called "spiritual marriage." Raymond Jessop, 38, didn't visibly react to the verdict. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says he won't run for re-election in January, blaming the stalemate in peace negotiations with Israel for his decision not to run again. He charged the U.S. with backtracking on its Mideast policy and refusing to press Israel to freeze construction in its West Bank settlements. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Abbas won't run for re-election

'Black jail' guard admits rape

A guard at an unofficial jail in the Chinese capital has pleaded guilty to raping a young detainee, an activist said Thursday, in a case that has turned attention to "black jails," where a growing number of people seeking justice from the government end up.

The guard told a district court Wednesday he raped the 21-year-old student in August after she came to Beijing to ask the central government for help, local human rights activist Liu

Jail site

- An Associated Press reporter visited the jail — a guesthouse — after the reported attack and found a filthy room with metal bunk beds and a bolted door where the woman and others were reportedly held.

Dejun said.

Liu was not in court but was told of the guilty plea by people who attended the one-day trial. A verdict

is expected within 30 days.

"He ruined my life," the woman told journalists after the trial session, the Beijing News reported Thursday.

The woman, from central Anhui province, had been expelled from college because of poor exam scores and wanted to ask the government to reinstate her. Thousands of Chinese come to Beijing every year to air complaints ignored by local authorities, but rights groups

say hundreds are rounded up by provincial officials who fear the complaints may get them in trouble.

The woman escaped with about 50 other detainees after the guard fled following the alleged rape. The night she arrived, the guard forced his way onto her upper bunk and raped her, she told the AP in August. When the detainees broke through the door and ran away, they took two bloody sheets as evidence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ida weakens after striking Nicaragua

STORM Hurricane Ida ripped into Nicaragua's Atlantic coast Thursday, destroying homes and schools and downing bridges before losing steam and becoming a tropical storm.

Ida, clocking 125 km/h winds, struck land at sunrise in Tasbapauni, about 60 miles northeast of Bluefields, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

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Oklahoma couple clip elephant with SUV

ANIMALS It's not unusual to see a deer or a cow crossing Oklahoma's rural highways. But an elephant?

An Oklahoma couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had escaped from a nearby circus late Wednesday.

"Didn't have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road," driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. "At the very last second I said 'Elephant!'" Carpenter, 68, said he

Fled the circus

- The elephant had escaped from the Family Fun Circus at the Garfield County Fairgrounds earlier Wednesday, apparently after something had spooked it while it was being loaded into a truck with another elephant.

swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up sideswiping the 29-year-old female Asian elephant on the highway in Enid, about 128

kilometres north of Oklahoma City.

The couple, who own a wheat farm, weren't injured. But the 2.5-metre, 4,500-pound elephant was being examined Thursday for a broken tusk and a leg wound.

Enid veterinarian Dr. Dwight Olson said the elephant, which seemed to be otherwise unhurt, was hiding in some bushes just off the highway when he arrived shortly after the accident. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MOSCOW Preparing for parade



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Russian soldiers dressed in Red Army Second World War uniforms wait for a rehearsal of the Nov. 7 parade in Red Square, with St. Basil Cathedral in the background, in Moscow Thursday.

News in brief

POLITICS U.S. Senate Democrats Thursday blocked a Republican attempt to require next year's census forms to ask people whether they are U.S. citizens. The proposal was aimed at excluding immigrants from the population totals that are used to figure the number of congressional representatives for each state.

AVIATION Two U.S. airline pilots who overshot their destination by 240 kilometres have filed appeals of their flight license revocations. The Federal Aviation Agency said the pilots put 144 passengers in serious danger when they failed to communicate with anyone on the ground for 91 minutes.

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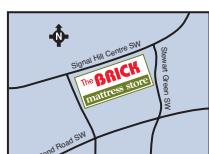
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There are better ways to spend \$300K

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Adrienne Beattie



The recent axing of our city's 2017 World Expo bid followed by Mayor Dave Bronconnier's clever bait and switch to a previously unknown "West Village" redevelopment concept has left

me dizzy.

Amidst Bronconnier's assurances, council's infighting and a huge new concept being thrown at us, it's hard to know which way is up, so let's rewind a bit.

Our city made the unexpected and foolish decision July 20 to investigate an Expo bid. Foolish because Edmonton had a competitive edge with two years and \$2.3 million of planning already put into its bid and \$1.14 million already secured from the province.

The experience of losing

our Expo 2005 bid to Nagoya, Japan, after spending \$5.5 million should have taught us how difficult winning such a bid is, let alone when you're going in at a disadvantage like we would have been.

It shouldn't have taken a \$300,000 report to determine that. And that's just the fees paid to consultants — city costs were an estimated additional \$50,000.

Not all is lost though, says Bronconnier. The site where the Expo would have been held, what's now being called "West Vil-

lage," should still be redeveloped. But it didn't take \$350,000 to tell us that.

It took \$50,000 to tell us that. That's how much went to the West Village business case analysis, meaning \$300,000 was lost to the Expo report. Take a moment with that. It's a mismanagement of public dollars that's unacceptable, particularly during a recession.

As a separate issue, redeveloping the 111 acres of land from 11th Street SW to Crowchild Trail, and the Bow River south to the CP

Rail track makes sense.

True enough, this prime 95 per cent city-owned property is not being used efficiently with parking lots, car dealerships, a big road and a bus depot.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has a long list of case studies citing brownfields (lands previously used for commercial or industrial purposes) across Canada that have been transformed into vibrant, sustainable communities. It's a cost-effective way to reduce urban sprawl, in-

crease density and lower municipal infrastructure costs, and that certainly fits within the framework of the recently approved Plan It.

But the potential for a West Village redevelopment shouldn't spin us away from the real issue here — city council wasted \$300,000 investigating an Expo bid that never should have been.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.

Views

How did grandma get on Facebook?

ModernLife

Georgie Binks

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For years my parents have yearned to know every little thing about their grandkids' lives. However, phone calls were unproductive. "Yes, yes, no. Bye grandma."

Emails were even shorter. "Luv u 2." So recently, I suggested my mom get a Facebook account.

Sooner than you can say, "Grandma would like to

add you as a friend on Facebook," grandkids were actually leaving their rooms and asking, "Do I have to add grandma on Facebook?"

My siblings and I shrugged. The kids reluctantly added grandma. Briefly, the thought fluttered through their minds that all those pictures showing 14 year olds hanging out in the park and getting into "mischief" and 17-year-old band members performing in their underwear might be unwise.

However, that was soon forgotten because grandma didn't download a picture, so she seemed and, in fact,

was faceless.

But she lurked. I instructed her early on not to post on anyone's wall. And she's been taking my advice. "I love it honey — it's like being a fly on the wall. What is a hook-up, anyway?"

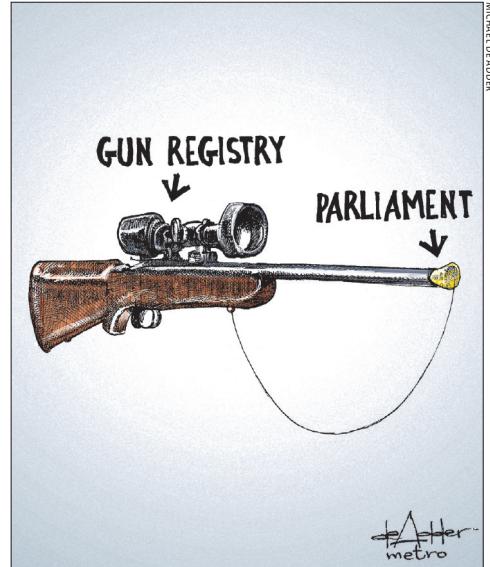
Of course, it's taken over her life. I imagine my dad bravely pacing around the house wondering where his next meal is coming from. It won't be from grandma, whose eyes are bugged out as she scans through pictures of her granddaughter's 20th birthday party.

It certainly provides a different view of her grandkids, but rather than tut-tutting she's keeping

(grand) mum. Instead of being sucked in by those cherubic faces smiling in fake innocence across the Christmas dinner table, her new Facebook X-ray vision shows them to be the hellions they really are. Christmas stockings are more likely to be stuffed with hookah pipes, fake ID and gift certificates to rehab (for the older ones) this year rather than the traditional gloves and scarves.

But she's not complaining. That's because she's hit the (grand) motherlode.

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Fast food slows down

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Business

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Opel workers walk off job to protest GM

Fearing widespread layoffs, thousands of Opel workers walked off the job across Germany Thursday to protest General Motors Co.'s decision to abandon the unit's sale to new owners.

Their indignation was echoed by Russian and German leaders, who both questioned GM's decision. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, claiming GM exhibited an "arrogant attitude" in abandoning months of negotiations.

Workers at Opel's headquarters in Rüsselsheim vented their frustration and anger at a rally.

"Our trust (in GM) is now zero, and that is the heart

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still furious over the switch. Chancellor Angela Merkel's office said she had discussed it with President Barack Obama, who told her he had no involvement in Tuesday's decision by the board of the majority government-owned company.

Merkel and Putin were a strong backers of the planned sale of a majority in Opel to a consortium of Canadian auto parts maker Magna International Inc. and Russian lender Sberbank.

German workers worry GM will make even more cuts to return Opel to profit than Magna would have.

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Business in brief

DATA The surprisingly sharp turn-around in Canada's labour market this summer is raising eyebrows among analysts that the most timely and critical

barometer of economic strength may be sending false signals. The recent employment gains are also at odds with the general belief that as

the economy recovers, jobs are one of the last indicators to return since firms resort to increasing hours before hiring.

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Biovail's profit falls

Biovail Corp.'s net income fell to \$40.4 million US in the third quarter, down 16.5 per cent from a year earlier. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canton fairgoers shop for copycat products

Thousands of foreign buyers flock to Guangzhou at this time of the year for China's biggest trade show. They search for factory owners who will make their products cheaply and won't rip off their clever designs.

Then, they slip across town to malls where fake Prada purses, phoney Rolex watches and pirated Tod's loafers are sold at a fraction of the original's price.

The shopping shows how the piracy problem is much more complex than it is usually portrayed. It's not just about creative foreign companies who are struggling to keep unscrupulous Chinese copy-

Bouncing back

- Attendance at the Canton Fair plunged last year at the start of the global financial crisis. But in a possible sign of the economy's recovery, the number of visitors started to bounce back at its 15-day fall session, which ended Wednesday, organizers said.
- The event attracted 188,170 foreign buyers — a 13.7 per cent increase from the session last spring, organizers said.

cats from stealing their ideas. Often, the foreigners behave in a way that encourages the theft of intellectual property.

The Canton Fair offers a

head-spinning variety of goods — from saxophones, fishing lures and hammers to espresso cups, toothbrushes and motorcycles.

Although there's a thick atmosphere of giddy deal-making and browsing at the fair, there's also a palpable sense of paranoia. Most exhibitors won't allow photographs of their goods for fear the pictures will be used to copy their products. Chinese citizens aren't even allowed to attend unless they have a special pass as an exhibitor, translator or domestic buyer — a process that involves an arduous background check.

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October sales offer relief as shoppers spend more

ECONOMY American consumers, enticed by cooler weather, early holiday discounts and an improving economy, spent a little more in October, handing the retail industry its second consecutive monthly sales gain after more than a year of declines.

Even affluent shoppers, who had been tight with their purses since the financial meltdown ballooned last year, spent more for designer duds.

As merchants announced their figures Thursday, the results showed that

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PHONES Manitoba Telecom Services (MTS) more than doubled its third-quarter profit, as cost-cutting efforts offset a decline in revenue from its older communication services.

Net income and comprehensive income rose to \$27.9 million or 43 cents per share, up from \$13.7 million or 21 cents per share a year earlier.

Revenue fell to \$449.4 million from \$476.4 million, as a small increase in its "growth" services was more than offset by a decline at its older legacy services.

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shoppers still were not splurging, restrained by tight credit and a weak job market. But the improving figures and tone of the reports all pointed to sales momentum.

According to the International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs tally, sales at stores opened at least a year rose 2.1 per cent, compared with a 4.2 per cent drop in October 2008. The October results marked the industry's strongest performance since July 2008.

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Boston Bruins centre David Krejci is out indefinitely with the swine flu. General manager Peter Chiarelli announced Thursday that the team's medical staff confirmed a diagnosis of H1N1 for the 23-year-old. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Under Armour signs GSP

Canadian fighter and UFC welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre, left, has signed a multi-year endorsement deal with Under Armour, a Baltimore-based company whose "performance apparel" line includes underwear. Starting in the spring, St. Pierre will become the face of Under Armour's BoxerJock and BoxerBrief underwear. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Underdog ready to take on MMA legend

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STRIKEFORCE He's got the physique of a professional bowler not a brawler, the disposition of a dead fish and a name you can't pronounce. But make no mistake, Fedor Emelianenko is the most exciting and dangerous fighter on the planet. He's the Babe Ruth of mixed martial arts, and on Saturday night he will headline the biggest MMA fight of the year, Strikeforce: Fedor vs. Rogers, airing live and for free on **Fedor Emelianenko**.



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Brett Rogers

Russian chose the lesser-known Strikeforce and fans reacted the way people did when the Red Sox sold Ruth to the Yankees — with anger and disappointment.

As hazardous jobs go, fighting Fedor ranks up there with ice road trucker and bomb defuser. The man who will play Beowulf to Fedor's Grendel is Brett Rogers, a soft-spoken mountain of muscle with a Mr. T mohawk and sleep in his fists. Rogers is undefeated in 10 fights, but until four months ago he made his living changing tires.

Punching people unconscious was merely a hobby.

Then, Rogers knocked out former UFC champ Andrei Arlovski in just 22 seconds, which is almost three minutes faster than it took Fedor to knock him out.

Now, Strikeforce has set up a fight even Hollywood couldn't script, a mythic invincible Russian versus an all-American underdog with the proverbial puncher's chance of winning. Come to think of it, this was a movie, *Rocky IV*. While Fedor is obviously Ivan Drago, it just remains to be seen whether Rogers is Rocky Balboa or Apollo Creed.

Fedor, as he's known, has lost just once in 31 fights, and that was nine years ago. Among the fallen are four former UFC heavyweight champs, three current UFC heavyweight contenders and one 7-foot-2 giant. He's beaten them with punches and he's beaten them with grappling. All but a handful of his fights have been in Japan, where he's regarded as something between a rock star and Godzilla.

With dollar signs in its eyes, the UFC tried desperately to sign Fedor three months ago, envisioning a showdown with its muscle-bound champion, Brock Lesnar. But the inscrutable

Flames burn Blues in OT

Phaneuf scores winner as Calgary takes second straight in overtime

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Dion Phaneuf's goal 2:50 into overtime gave the Calgary Flames a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night.

Calgary won in overtime for the second time in two nights. The Flames broke a two-game losing streak on Wednesday with a 3-2 victory at Dallas.

Phaneuf fired a shot past Chris Mason, who made 27 straight saves after giving up an early goal to Jarome Iginla. Phaneuf, a defenceman, has six goals this season. Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 30 shots.

Lars Eller scored the lone Blues goal while play-



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play goal snapped the Blues' home-ice scoring drought of 171 minutes, five seconds. St. Louis had failed on 26 straight power-play opportunities.

Eller is the 12th Blues player to score in his NHL debut. He found the net at 7:15 on his third shot.

Iginla put Calgary up 1-0 early in the first period with his team-high seventh goal, scoring on an unassisted breakaway. Mason got a piece of the puck but it trickled across the goal line. It was Iginla's third goal in two games.

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Calgary's Nigel Dawes, right, leaps to avoid St. Louis' Darryl Sydor in the first period of Thursday's game in St. Louis.

ing in his first NHL game. a shot from the point by Lars Eller, the No. 13 pick in the 2007 draft, deflected in

defenceman Erik Johnson. The third-period, power-

Stamps' Reynolds up for outstanding player

CFL Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo is among the team nominees named yesterday for the Canadian Football League's outstanding player award.

Calvillo, who won the award last year, is up against Hamilton receiver Arland Bruce III, Toronto running back Jamal Robertson and Winnipeg

cornerback Jovon Johnson in the East.

Calvillo has completed 72 per cent of his passes for 4,639 yards with 26 touchdowns and just six interceptions.

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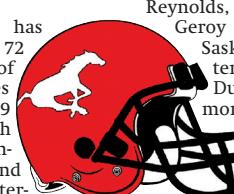
running back Joffrey Reynolds, Lions receiver Geroy Simon, Saskatchewan quar-

terback Damian Durant and Edmonton slotback Fred Stamps are up for the honour in the West. Reynolds has

touchdowns.

Winnipeg defensive tackle Doug Brown and Toronto linebacker Kevin Eiben (outstanding defensive player, outstanding Canadian) and Edmonton guard Patrick Kabongo (outstanding offensive lineman, outstanding Canadian) are the only multiple nominees.

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Reynolds has run for 1,389 yards and 11

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Lesnar has mono, can't fight: Opponent

UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has mononucleosis and can't fight at UFC 108, according to opponent Shane Carwin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto needs PanAm bid win

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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Toronto is set to make its pitch to host the 2015 Pan American Games. If it finds the strike zone, high performance athletics in Canada could hit one out of the park.

"This city needs to be inspired," says Olympic gymnast Alexandra Orlando, who brings an athlete's voice to the final presentation in Guadalajara, Mexico. Toronto steps to the plate last after Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia. "If we're successful we could change the face of sport in our country."

Beyond the dreams of the politicians, who have

ulterior motives, the second biggest international multi-sport showcase could help inspire Canada's largest urban population to become participants rather than spectators.

The bid calls for 17 municipalities in the Golden Horseshoe to stage 36 sports and for 16 days to be a playground for more than 5,000 athletes from the 42 member nations of the Pan American Sports Organization.

It's a gathering double the size of the winter Olympics.

"It could change a lot of lives," stresses Orlando, the winner of seven Pan Am medals, including three gold at the two Games she competed in at Santo Domingo 2003 and Rio de Janeiro 2007. "There is no permanent environment to develop summer Olympic excellence right now. This could provide it."

The Toronto 2015 bid

calls for a cycling velodrome and 15,000-seat athletics stadium in Hamilton as well as an aquatics centre and Institute of Sport in Toronto. Boxing will be east in Oshawa, whitewater canoeing north in the Haliburton Highlands and rowing south in St. Catharines.

The total budget for infrastructure and legacy is \$700 million. It's an ambitious undertaking — a necessary step before Toronto can make another serious bid for the Olympics.

If it flies it might help change the culture in communities where swimming pools, tracks and high school gymnasiums are closing and where kids are glued to a litany of pro sports on TV instead of becoming active competitors.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Jamaica two-man bobsleigh team brakeman Marvin Dixon, left, jumps in their rented sled as Hannukkah Wallace pilots earlier this week at the Whistler Sliding Centre in Whistler, B.C.

CFLPA taking lockout possibility seriously

There could be labour strife looming on the horizon for the CFL.

Two league sources requesting anonymity told The Canadian Press on Thursday the CFL Players' Association is visiting with teams talking about the potential of a lockout as the two sides head into the off-season looking to secure a new collective bargaining agreement.

The present deal ex-

pires the day before the start of training in 2010. Preliminary talks have begun between the two sides, with real negotiations expected to heat up over the winter. However, one source said negotiations aren't going well and if the CFL and the CFLPA can't reach an agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement before camp the league holds the right

to lock its players out.

"Hence the lockout talk," one of the sources said.

And that's a huge surprise, considering negotiations between the CFL and its players have traditionally been tough yet cordial, with both sides intent on reaching an agreement to maintain labour peace. And in years when the two couldn't get a deal done before the expiration of the old one, they've simply gone by the terms of the old CBA until a new one

was reached.

A clean labour record has long been a source of pride for the CFL at a time when other professional leagues have had to cancel entire seasons and championships due to stalled contract talks.

Then again, keeping games on the field is of vital importance for the CFL, given its teams draw a big chunk of their operating revenue from ticket sales. The league, simply put, can't afford to alienate its fans.

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They're back! Just don't mention Cool Runnings

BOBSLED More than two decades later, the story hasn't changed for the fabled Jamaican bobsled team.

A handful of young men from the Caribbean island nation, all physically blessed with speed and power, embark on an Olympic odyssey. Unable to quickly fulfil their quest in track, they put their disdain for ice and snow aside and become intrigued by bobsledding, where a lack of funding and access to the right equipment impede their progress and threaten to derail their hopes.

You've heard this before, right?

Only this isn't the Disney movie that offered a somewhat-fictionalized version of the 1988 Jamaican team and its path to the Calgary Games. This is very real for a new generation of Jamaican sledders, a group that cringes at any Cool Runnings parallels and insists that not only are they serious about their sport — but that maybe, just maybe,

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

they're good enough to surprise at the Vancouver Olympics.

"People do not understand: This is my passion. This is our passion," said Hannukkah Wallace, the team's driver. "I really want to get an Olympic medal. It's all I've ever wanted. I really, really, really need it. And if they ask me about the movie, I tell them, the movie was a comedy, but our crashes are real."

So against all odds, here they go again.

Get ready, Vancouver: The Jamaicans are coming.

"I think a lot of people might believe that it's sort of an amusement park ride to the Olympics," said Stephen Samuels, who represents the Jamaican Bobsleigh Federation. "I don't know how to describe it to you, other than this. This is their life. They are serious athletes."

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HSBC World Golf Championship



Nick Watney hits his tee shot on the 17th hole Thursday during the first round of the HSBC World Golf Championship in Shanghai, China. Watney shot an 8-under 64 to lead after the first round. Tiger Woods was three shots back in a tie for fifth.

2 out of 3 ain't bad for Phils

BASEBALL Charlie Manuel was heading to the interview room when he spotted a reporter walking alongside.

"Two out of three, that's what I told them," Manuel said.

Sounds like the Philadelphia Phillies and their manager already have set their goal for 2010.

The Phillies fell two wins short of becoming the first NL team in 33 years to win consecutive World Series titles, losing to the New York Yankees in six games. Looking ahead to next season, they see plenty of reasons for optimism.

"We've got a good team, and we love to play baseball," Manuel said. "We will be back."

The team has a young nucleus of star players who are under contract for at least one more season. Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Jayson Werth, Jimmy Rollins, Shane Victorino, Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels, J.A. Happ and Joe Blanton are all 30 years old or younger.

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Sports in brief

BUSTED San Francisco Giants star pitcher Tim Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges following a traffic stop in his home state. Lincecum was fined a total of \$622 US for driving at 74 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone, and for possession of mari-

juana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanours.

RAIDERS The National Organization for Women says Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable should be suspended while the team investigates allegations he has a history of

violent behaviour toward women. Cable has acknowledged striking his first wife with an open hand more than 20 years ago and says that's the only time he's ever touched a woman inappropriately.

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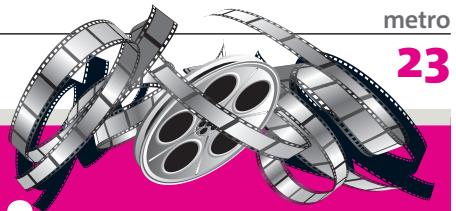
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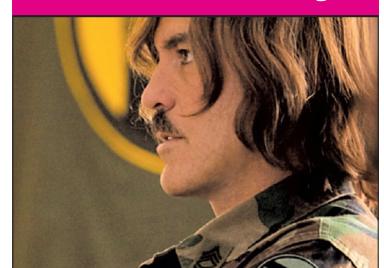
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Director Roland Emmerich talks about his latest in a line of disaster movies, 2012, opening next week and starring John Cusack.

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Movie feature

When speaking with Roland Emmerich, a director synonymous with big-budget disaster films, the first question that comes to mind is what, exactly, does he have against the planet earth?

"Nothing," he insists, sitting comfortably in a lodge in Jackson Hole, Wyo., just miles from where he filmed much of his latest movie, 2012 — opening next week — was filmed.

"Sometimes you destroy what you love."

After raining destruction down upon our planet through aliens (Independence Day), giant monsters (Godzilla) and global warming (The Day After Tomorrow), Emmerich admits he had reservations about taking on another project of that kind.

"I thought, 'Should I do

another disaster movie? Another end of the world movie?'" Emmerich said. In the end, he relented. "I'm drawn to disaster movies because in disaster movies there are no rules, really. As long as you tell story lines that all converge at the end."

He also enjoys slipping his own agenda into big-budget popcorn films, following the belief that a spoonful of CGI-enhanced destruction will help the progressive ideas go down.

"There's always this need to have some sort of a philosophical or political aspect in my movies," said Emmerich, who also admits he can be too subtle.

"In Independence Day, everybody thought it was blatantly patriotic, and nobody saw that it was the first African-American,

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WASP and Jewish guy working together to save the world.

"They didn't see all the little jokes we put in about race and religion."

For Emmerich's next feature, he's leaving the world of catastrophe and special effects behind, focusing instead on a very un-Emmerich subject: The question of who actually wrote the works of William Shakespeare.

Anonymous, set to begin filming in March, is a story the director has been interested in for quite some time — he first purchased the script eight



John Cusack stars in Roland Emmerich's latest end-of-the-world film, 2012.

years ago before developing it further with writer John Orloff. "I found it fascinating," Emmerich said. "We had to make sure this movie's not a new version of Amadeus,"

he explains. "This has to be more than that. It has to be a political movie."

"I'm casting right now, and I get all these compliments from these famous English actors, and they all

want to be in my movie," he says with a laugh.

"When Vanessa Redgrave says it's the best script she has read in the last four, five or six years, that tells you something."

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Now George Clooney is looking for the same kind of success with his offbeat look at modern warfare, The Men Who Stare at Goats. These films join the list of quirky genres like military sci fi, war comedies and musicals like M*A*S*H and South Pacific and even Nazi zombie films, that use war as a backdrop for the main story.

Most war movies focus on men but 1944's musical comedy Rosie the Riveter is a lighthearted romp about the women who stayed behind, doing shift

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It's probably the only war film to feature miniature trampolines as tools to storm a Nazi base, a scene, one critic wrote, that resembles "a glorious circus act." Rent it for the trampolines; watch it for Klaus Kinski's portrayal of the evil Nazi officer.

Speaking of evil Nazis how about Dead Snow, a Norwegian flick about Nazi zombies? Love the advertising tagline: "Ein! Zwei! Die!"

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***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Plenty of laughs in absurd Goats

The Men Who Stare at Goats**Director:** Grant Heslov**Stars:** George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges**Classification:** 14A**Rating:** ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Despite a popular notion, not every George Clooney movie can be Oscar material. This one isn't, but it is an often wickedly funny poke at U.S. military might.

Grant Heslov based the film on *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, Jon Ronson's examination of "the apparent madness at the heart of U.S. military intelligence" and comes up with an unexpectedly complex tragicomedy and Clooney makes it palatable.

The film details psychic warfare techniques allegedly developed in an official secret unit called the New Earth Army, falling in the you'll-never-believe-this category. No performance, not even Clooney's, can match the story's fascinating absurdities.

It's a desert road romp that follows Lyn (Clooney)

Kevin Spacey, left, and George Clooney star in *The Men Who Stare at Goats*.

and Bill, a reporter (Ewan McGregor) on a mysterious mission in the war-torn Middle East. Lyn is apparently an undercover operative with a past and Bill is hungry for a story and keen to tag along. Lyn tells Bill that he is ex-New Earth Army and reveals his "powers" of cloud bursting and reading the future.

According to Lyn's yarn, paranormal applications in the military began when a Vietnam veteran turned hippie named Django (Jeff Bridges) declared war on war and invited soldiers to love the universe.

Experiments lead to the formation of the New Earth Army of "psychic soldiers" steeped in new age philosophy and psy-

chotropics who developed the abilities of remote viewing, walking through walls, killing with a touch, stopping a goat's heart by staring forcefully, reading minds — strategies meant to induce shock, awe, and capitulation in the minds of the enemy.

Men is surreal, tragic, and funny. Clooney is as charismatic and compelling and helps us believe a dicey premise. McGregor is OK, cast unsuitably as Bill.

The Men Who Stare at Goats is an interesting film trapped inside something being sold as a mass market comedy.

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Lefevre, Dillon to attend Giller Prize gala

Twilight star Rachelle Lefevre, left, and Flashpoint actor Hugh Dillon will be among the presenters at next week's Scotiabank Giller Prize gala. Lefevre stars in the upcoming movie version of Barney's Version. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cold, cold Christmas

A Christmas Carol

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Stars: Jim Carrey

Classification: STC

Rating: ***

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

I've never understood the appeal of motion capture animation. Sure, Robert Zemeckis may have mastered the technical trickery of making the real Tom Hanks look like an animated Tom Hanks in 2004's *The Polar Express*, but I just couldn't help thinking, "Why didn't you just film the real Tom Hanks?"

The question is raised again in the case of *A*

Christmas Carol, in which Zemeckis hooks Jim Carrey up with sensors to capture his skillfully-portrayed six roles (including Ebenezer Scrooge) only to animate said characters into a 3-D form that essentially strips the life from their eyes.

As if that wasn't problematic enough, the Oscar-winning director chose one of the world's most iconic stories to reproduce with this fancy, but ultimately alienating technology.

For those uneducated in the ways of Scrooge, he is a curmudgeon wrapped up in his own selfish misery until visited by a series of spirits who show him his influence on those around him.

Indeed, it's a tale that has

Jim Carrey plays Scrooge and many other characters in the latest version of *A Christmas Carol*.

resonated with folks ever since Charles Dickens conceived it in 1843 for its wholesome themes of family, redemption and selflessness which all reflect the exact opposite of Zemeckis'

main accomplishment with this remake: self-indulgently grandstanding his own command of motion-capture animation.

Don't get me wrong — the effects are simply stun-

ning. But after the initial novelty of the digital wizardry wears off and you seek the warmth and heart that's allowed the original story's longevity, you'll more likely discover this

cold, unnecessary undertaking will leave you muttering "bah-humbug" on your way home.

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Portman's sex scene 'extreme'

Natalie Portman has branded her lesbian sex scene "extreme." The 28-year-old actress insists there is nothing compelling about the romp with Mila Kunis in the new movie *Black Swan*. She said: "It's not raunchy — it's extreme." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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When pirates ruled Radio

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Bill Nighy doesn't believe in the '60s. Not literally, of course.

Born in 1949, the popular actor who's starred in everything from *Underworld* to *Pirates of the Caribbean* spent his youth in the prominent decade. But a nostalgic hippy, he's definitely not.

"I don't have a particular nostalgia for that era," said Nighy during a recent interview in L.A. "I don't like the phenomenon of people my age telling younger people that it was better to be young then because it wasn't."

"It was just like always — some of it was good, some of it was bad. There were some dreadful trousers and there were some good trousers."

Nighy may not be terribly sentimental about his youth but perhaps that's because he'd rather look to the future — specifically to next week's release of *Pirate Radio*, a '60s-set ensemble comedy that tells the true story about a group of British deejays who get around the government's ban on rock 'n' roll by broadcasting from boats harboured in the North Sea.

Directed by skillful filmmaker Richard Curtis (*Love Actually*), the film harkens back to the wistful era when men wore thick sideburns and radio rocked with bands like The Troggs.

The comedy recalls the tone of Robert Altman's earlier works so it wasn't surprising to find out Curtis gathered his cast to watch Altman's 1970 hit *M*A*S*H* prior to filming — a bonding experience that wasn't universally appreciated.

"I didn't finish. I watched about 40 minutes and I said to Richard, 'I'm going to bed,'" laughed costar Nick Frost (*Shaun of the Dead*). "Sometimes on a brand new television and you watch a film, it looks ungraded and flat. That's what was happening on *M*A*S*H* and I couldn't get

past it."

Even with Frost's lack of participation, Curtis definitely succeeded in creating a unique bond amongst an ensemble that also includes Philip Seymour Hoffman. It should-

n't be shocking since the director appears universally loved by his cast.

"Richard is a believer," said Nighy, who also starred in *Love Actually*. "He doesn't make romantic comedies because he

thinks it will manipulate the money out of your wallet, he does it because he wants to spread the word ... he's also got a wicked sense of humour and is incredibly bright so I think that probably helps too."



Despite being completely unsentimental about the '60s, Bill Nighy stars in *Pirate Radio*.

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Electronic act Champion embraces rock, adds new vocalist

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"In life, if you don't go forward, you go backward."

The adage is familiar to Maxime Morin, advice commonly bestowed on him by his father while growing up in Québec.

It was with that maxim in mind the Montréal-based DJ, who performs under the moniker Champion, approached his latest album Resistance. The followup to 2004's Chill 'Em All certainly does reflect progression in the electronic artist's oeuvre, with heavier rock influences and wholly different vocal fronting.

But forward movement didn't come easy to Morin.

"When I started Resistance, after the first six months, I really felt I was going backward. I wasn't evolving, challenging myself, or going anywhere other than where I was," he said. Stuck in the musical mindset he'd perfected over



Maxime Morin, who performs under the moniker Champion, is touring in support of latest album Resistance.

three years touring Chill 'Em All, Morin trashed the initial tracks he recorded for Resistance and went into seclusion, an act he said was key to start recording as himself, without external influences.

"When you isolate, you give yourself the ability to be a loser, to cry. Musically speaking, you allow yourself to compose bad songs." Morin said he was able to purge the scraps and make

strides by acknowledging his personal weakness.

To wean weakness, Morin focused on his strength — live performance. Knowing most people discover his music from Champion's energized live sets — always more rock-focused than his albums — Morin aimed to capitalize on the style.

"Rock is a song but it's also a structure. Rock is lyrics-oriented," he said.

Rock is also fixated on

On Tour

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the frontman. So while Morin's decision to replace Chill 'Em All's unflappable baritone vocalist Betty Bonifassi (who's since made her own mark with electronic duo Beast) with Pierre-Philippe "Pilou" Côté may seem genre-discrepant, he justifies the switch on the basis of emotional equivalence.

"At the first concert I did with Betty, people were telling me, 'Oh, she looks like a junkie on stage. That's awful,'" said Morin. "That's not awful, that's her! To look at her being so weak, that's gorgeous. I like that."

That's how Morin said he knew audiences would latch on to Pilou. "He can put his soul into it. He is intense, he's not lying and he's all there."

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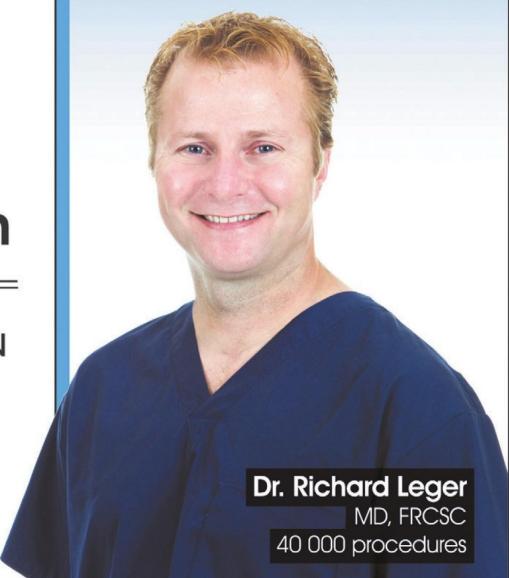
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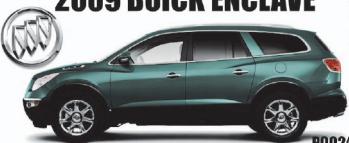


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Kristina Maticic, left, and Anna Wallner are the hosts of the new style and beauty makeover series called *Beauty Call* on W Network.

Beauty on a budget

The Shopping Bags hosts team up for new makeover series

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada**Shopping guru Kristina Maticic says knowing how to shop doesn't mean you always make the right decisions.**

"We definitely know how to shop for clothes," says Maticic, co-host of the new

beauty-on-a-budget series Anna and Kristina's *Beauty Call*, premiering Tuesday on the W Network.

"But we don't always know style. And I think our new show is all about our search for style."

Best known for her long-running *The Shopping Bags* series, Maticic is once again teaming up with co-host

Anna Wallner for this new show, which aims to help viewers pull off beauty and style on a budget.

To do this, Maticic and Wallner will test every beauty product imaginable, talk to experts, and offer up a

makeover to a fashion victim.

However, unlike other

"makeover" shows, *Beauty Call* will feature nothing but

"willing" participants.

Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine.

"We definitely put our taste under the microscope on this," she says.

Since *The Shopping Bags* debuted in 1999, the TV

landscape has exploded with dozens of shopping, fashion and makeover-related series of varying quality and interest.

Maticic says what has always set her work

apart from the others is her on-screen chemistry with co-host Wallner.

"People just like to watch our relationship and the differences that we have," says Maticic, who shares a background in television news with Wallner.

"But while we want to give information to people, we also want to entertain. To give them stuff they can use but do it in a fun way. That's what we always tried to do with *Shopping Bags*. And that's what we do with *Beauty Call*."**Kristina and Anna's *Beauty Call* premieres Tuesday night on W**

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246	-	8	CKAL	Law & Order: SVU	The Jay Leno Show (N)		Supernanny (N)	Ugly Betty "Plus None"	Your City		
-	372	12	KREM	News	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	(10:02) Medium (N)	NUMB3RS (N)		
-	374	14	KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS: Being Served	Hallowed Grind		
-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Law & Order (HDTV)	Jay Leno Show		
-	373	22	KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (HDTV)	News		
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Berlin, 20 Years After (N)		CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Berlin-After		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)			Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
400	400	21	TSN	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Hornets	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
408	418	27	net	Over the Bolts	World Sport	Air Racing	Hockey Central	MMA Conn	Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter	
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ** (2005, Comedy)	Agent Cody Banks ** (2003, Adventure)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's Weird	
557	541	39	FAM	Suite Life	The Suite Life on Deck			The Thirteenth Year ** (1999, Drama)			
601	561	25	FOOD	Bobo Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits	Howie Do It	Concert-Life	Kenny-Senny	Trailer Park	
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "Texas"	Investigation X	Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Texas"	Worst Driver		
628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC Fight for the Troops (HDTV)				Disorderly Conduct: Video	DEA "DEA vs. Heroin Kingpin"		
522	516	45	HIST	Go Deep "Ice Wreck"	Battles BC	Cold Blood "Conspiracy"	When Disaster Strikes		Underworld		
-	-	47	AMC	(6) <i>Unforgiven</i> **** (1992, Western)		From Hell ** (2001, Suspense)	Johnny Depp, Heath Ledger, Graham	Premiere			
581	566	102	MTV	The City	After	The Hills	Peak Season	1 girl 5 guys	Cribs	Cribs	The Hills

SATURDAY

cable variety

prime time

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	W5 (N) (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	CSI: NY	Law & Order (HDTV)		CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Once Upon a Time in Toronto	Once Upon a Time in Toronto	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	ReGenesis		
371	5	KXLY	(6) College Football Regional Coverage	(HDTV) (Live)				HNC: After Hours			
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	New York Rangers at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live)					
244	338	7	CICT	1917: The Missing	Battle of the Somme: The True Story		Last Soldier	Turning Points of History	News Final (N)		
246	-	8	CKAL	MYRNA Home	Glen Martin	Out There	False Pretenses ** (2003, Drama)	Nick Stahl	The City Show		
-	372	12	KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	NCIS: Los Angeles	Strikeforce: Fedor vs. Rogers			
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show (N)	May-December	Time Goes By	John Fogerty: Live by Request	Grammy-winning singer	Magic Moment		
-	370	16	KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Turbulence"	Mercy (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law/Ord SVU		
-	373	22	KAYU	House	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News	
502	390	15	CBC	National	Mansbridge	Prince William & Harry	National	News at Issue	National	Mansbridge	The Future
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live		Newsroom		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
400	400	21	TSN	CFL Football	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	NASCAR Racing	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series -- O'Reilly Challenge.			
408	418	27	net	English Premier League Soccer	Teams TBA	Top 50 Sports Blasters	PartyPoker.net		Sportsnet Con.		
552	543	20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Funniest Home Videos	That's Weird				
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Oversold!	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Sorry-No Head	Survive This
601	561	25	FOOD	Chopped	Top Chef: Las Vegas	The F Word	Challenge				
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds "Doubt"	CSI: Miami "Shattered"	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			
617	522	32	SHOW	Lucky You	About a Girl	The Guard "Waheguru"	Lava Storm (2008, Suspense)	Valerie Valois.	Superbad		
520	505	35	DISC	Canada's Worst Driver	Time Warp	Medieval catapult.	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Canada's Worst Driver	Destroyed	
628	584	43	SPIKE	Ultimate Fighting Championship 102: Couture vs. Nogueira (N)	Ultimate Fighting Championship 102: Couture vs. Nogueira (N)	Ultimate Fighting Championship 102: Couture vs. Nogueira (N)					
522	516	45	HIST	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Ultimate Engineering	Cities of the Underworld	The Thin Red Line *** (1998, War)			
-	-	47	AMC	(6) <i>The Godfather, Part II</i> **** (1974, Crime Drama)	Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.			The Godfather, Part III			
581	566	102	MTV	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 guys	Peak Season	After	After

SUNDAY

cable variety

prime time

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	Cold Case "Dead Head"	The Amazing Race 15	Desperate Housewives	CTV News		
-	-	4	OMNI	Without a Trace	Aaram (N)	Chardi Kalaa	Bollywood Boulevard (DVS)	Over the Bolts	TBA	Castro	
-	371	5	KXLY	News	Explorer TV	Funnest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers		
245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Battle of the Blades (N)	The Nature of Things (N)	CBC News: The National	fifth estate			
244	338	7	CICT	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Brothers & Sisters (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	Cleveland Sh	News	
246	-	8	CKAL	Survivorwoman (DVS)	My ROMA Home (DVS)	Extreme Makeover: Home	Conviction Kitchen	Most Amazing			
-	372	12	KREM	2 News at 6 (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 15	Three Rivers (HDTV) (N)	Cold Case (N)			
-	374	14	KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (N) (DVS)	Masterpiece Contemporary (N)	Hallowed Grounds	MI-5			
-	370	16	KHQ	(6:15) NFL Football	Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles.		News	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: NY		
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Fools for Love"	Brothers	American Dad	Family Guy (N)	Comedy Show			
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	The Berlin Wall	News	News at Issue	Larry King Live	State of Union		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	State of the Union		Larry King Live	State of Union		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
400	400	21	TSN	(6:15) NFL Football	Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles.		SportsCentre	Over the Bolts	E:60		
408	418	27	net	NHL Hockey: Oilers at Avalanche				Sportsnet Connected	Oilers in Hour		
552	543	20	YTV	Agent Cody Banks ** (2003, Adventure)	Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff.			Smallville "Abys"	Survive This		
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Oversold!	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana		
601	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	Restaurant Makeover	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.		
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			
617	522	32	SHOW	NCIS "Dagger" (HDTV)	ReGenesis "The Source"	Ogre (2008, Fantasy)	John Schneider, Ryan Kennedy.	Weeds			
520	505	35	DISC	(6) <i>Nostradamus Decoded</i>	MythBusters (N)	Anthony Bourdain	Nostradamus Decoded				
628	584	43	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scn			
522	516	45	HIST	Ancient Discoveries	Convoy: War of the Atlantic	Convoys: War of the Atlantic	Saving Private Ryan **** (1998, War)				
-	-	47	AMC	(4) <i>The Green Mile</i>	Mad Men (N)	Mad Men	(10:02) Breaking Bad	Mad Men			
581	566	102	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Real World-Road Rules	Over the Bolts	1 girl 5 guys	Peak Season	Peak Season	Real World-Rd

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Numb3rs episodes scaled back

The episode total for *Numb3rs* has been scaled back — from 22 to 16, TVGuide.com has confirmed. CBS reduced the crime drama's season order, first reported by The Hollywood Reporter, leaving uncertain the six-year-old show's future. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Late night newcomers

Sykes, Lopez bring new comedy to white men's domain

In the blink of an eye, late-night TV is shifting from a white men's club to the start of a rainbow coalition.

Wanda Sykes' weekly Fox comedy show debuts 11 p.m. EST Saturday, followed by George Lopez's four-night-a-week talk show on TBS, starting 11 p.m. EST Monday. They join The Mo'Nique Show on BET.

Lopez is counting on an audience hungry for something different — as in the first Hispanic to host a nighttime talk show on a major network, cable or broadcast.

Sykes is the first black late-night host since the late 1990s, when celebrities Earvin (Magic) Johnson and Keenan Ivory Wayans tried and failed to follow in Arsenio Hall's successful 1989-94 footsteps.

"There's a huge percentage of people not watching late-night TV at all," Lopez said, figuring that the shows headlined by hosts including David Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Kimmel draw from roughly the same audience pool.

For people of colour, the actor and comedian said, "I don't think a lot of their needs are met with the current talk shows. I would pull a different audience."

Shari Anne Brill, an analyst with media-buyer Carat USA in New York, echoes Lopez's assertion.

"There is a huge, growing multicultural population in this country, and the current late-night fare doesn't really take them into account," she said.

But neither Lopez nor Sykes are talking about practising exclusionary TV. Lopez's ABC sitcom drew a cross-section of viewers, and Sykes said she expects her show to attract the same mixed crowd she gets at her standup appearances.

"Young, old, male, fe-

male, all races, gay, straight. I love the audience that I draw," Sykes said.

She rebuts the idea she got the job because of her gender, ethnicity

importance of being on a late-night talk show as a black, gay woman. But I've been at this for 20 years. I don't think they (networks) were saying, "Hey, it would be fun to get a black woman on late-night. Who fits that role?"

"I got this show in spite of being a black lesbian," she said, adding that viewers will tune in to see her or Lopez and not a type.

"It's all driven by the host. It's not what you're getting from a minority, it's us," Sykes said.

She doesn't see an "Obama effect" in the sudden late-night diversity, given that she was approached before the election of the first African-American U.S. president. But Lopez said his interest was piqued as he campaigned for the Democrat-



or sexual orientation (the actress-comedian, who appears on CBS' 'The New Adventures of Old Christine', came out as gay in 2008). "I do understand the im-



Wanda Sykes' new late night show, *The Wanda Sykes Show*, debuts Saturday. Along with a new nighttime George Lopez talk show, the Sykes program is hoping to draw a cross-section of viewers.

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Shari Anne Brill, analyst with Carat USA

ic candidate.

"Being with Barack for a year and seeing the people and how their eyes and their faces filled with hope for him, for this country ... and, on a very smaller scale, to have a show that is fun and can galvanize people and bring them together was appealing," he said.

The two shows, as sketched by their hosts, will take different ap-

proaches.

Lopez promises to bring "the party back to late-night," signalling a looser, hipper hour in the tradition of *The Arsenio Hall Show*, said analyst Bill Carroll of media buyer Katz Television in New York. Sykes is planning Bill Maher-type panels with both lighthearted and serious discussion of politics and culture as part of her mix.

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Singer Bono performs with his band U2 at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on Thursday. The concert, celebrating 20 years since the Berlin Wall fell, was in conjunction with the 2009 European MTV Awards.

Beyoncé's triple win, U2 plays tribute at MTV Awards

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Berlin loves Beyoncé. The R&B superstar scooped up three wins Thursday at the 16th annual MTV Europe Music Awards, including trophies for best female, best song for 'Halo' and best video for her No. 1 smash, 'Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It).'

When she won the best video award, she thanked Jay-Z — who just happens to be her husband — for "putting a ring on it."

Jay-Z was also honoured, winning MTV Europe's best urban act — though he said he looked forward to the day when "all those awards come down" that it's just

music, plain and simple, adding "Danke schön" (thank you in German) before leaving the stage.

Other winners included Green Day, the established trio whose punk-influenced tunes have garnered it a fan legion worldwide. The trio won the award for best rock act while U2, which earlier Thursday performed a six-song mini-set in front of the German capital's iconic Brandenburg Gate, won best live act.

U2 frontman Bono paid tribute to Berlin, which marks the 20th anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall on Monday, for its grit

and determination. The band recorded its LP *Achtung Baby* in the city and drew inspiration from reunification to write its oft-played single *One*.

The telecast also featured performances by Foo Fighters, Leona Lewis and Shakira.

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The kangaroos have a new reason to jump: Britney Spears has landed in Australia. "Longest flight ever but we had a great time ... So excited to be here," she Tweeted upon landing Thursday morning. She starts her 15-show Circus tour in the country Friday. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

Britney in Australia

Going Out

Mix of Six

Comedian Dave Coulier

When: Friday
Where: Laugh Shop

Former Full House actor hits the city with his comedic act sure to make you laugh.

DJ Kaskade with Mikey Da Roza and D-Fresh

When: Friday
Where: Flames Central

Popular DJ to spin all night and entertain the

masses. Tickets still available.

ARTwear 2009

When: Friday
Where: Hotel Arts

Fundraiser for the AGC with fashion trunk show auction and silent auction.

Corb Lund with Ridley Bent

When: Saturday
Where: The Corral

Country sensation Lund hits the city to wow guests.

GIRAF 5 Festival

When: Through Sunday
Where: Quickdraw Animation Society

With feature presentations, artist talks, short films, workshops, gala and more.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Pumphouse Theatres

Relive the comedic horror with Sweeney Todd at the helm.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1

Up/In The Loop

DVD Make it a double bill next week. Both are colourful comedies on the surface — Up about a widower making the trip of his life in a balloon-propelled house, In The Loop about the bumbling idiocy of Anglo-American politics. But shades of black creep into the animated adventure — a new high point for Pixar. And Loop maybe the darkest satire of the year. Get ready for the laughs to stick in your throat.



2

Mad Men Season Finale

TV Will Don and Betty Draper get a divorce? Will Peggy finally leave Sterling Cooper? Will Pete Campbell go back to work? Will they solve the Kennedy assassination? Too many questions (OK, we all know the answer to the last one). One episode. You know what to do.

3

New Super Mario Bros. (Wii)

GAME Rock Mario old school. The new title is a throwback to the '80s arcade classics that made jumping, stomping baddies and collecting mushrooms such a cool thing. Nintendo has also listened to what fans have been clamouring for decades — four people can now play on-screen at the same time.



Rihanna's message to abused: Don't get blinded

INTERVIEW Rihanna said Thursday that she regrets returning to ex-boyfriend Chris Brown after he left her bruised and battered during a February assault, warning other women facing domestic violence to not let themselves be blinded by love.

"It's completely normal to go back. You start lying to yourself," the 21-year-old singer said on Good Morning America in her first TV interview following the beating. "I'll say that to any young girl who is going through domestic violence: 'Don't react off of love.'"

In the interview, Rihanna, who is no longer with Brown, said she was ashamed to go back to him after the attack.

"That's embarrassing ... That's not what I want to teach people."

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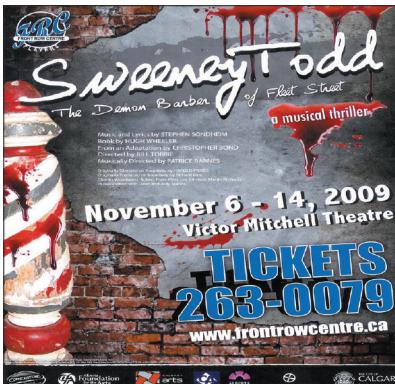
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Miley Cyrus doesn't want to be "an idol" for her young fans, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She insists she would rather be a role model who people look up to than an idealistic figure that teenagers want to be like. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kidman burns diaries and snubs Twitter talk

PRIVATE PERSON Nicole Kidman won't be among the throngs of celebrities flocking to Twitter anytime soon. "If you know what is going on inside somebody's head all the time, that's not a good place," the actress tells British GQ magazine. And, she adds, don't expect to see any of her diaries going public, especially not anything from her years with Tom Cruise. "You (shouldn't) read somebody's diary. So I burned most of my journals after I remarried," she says.

"You're only going to find out bad things."

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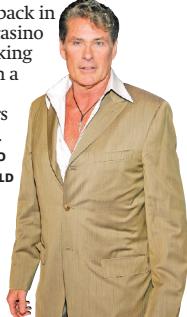


Hasselhoff seen boozing again?

AND FIGHTING WITH A SENIOR It seems David Hasselhoff has allegedly alien off the wagon again, as multiple sources spotted the America's Got Talent judge making a scene at a Canadian casino last weekend, according to TMZ.

Hasselhoff was reportedly escorted off the premises by three security guards after getting into an altercation with an elderly patron — and he was back in the casino drinking again a few hours later.

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Alex and Kate celebrate late

BASEBALL BASH After his team won their 27th World Series — beating the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 — New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and Kate Hudson hit NYC hot spot 10ak, along with Rodriguez's mom, Lourdes Navarro, and his sister, Suzy.

They celebrated alongside Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and his girlfriend Minka Kelly. Rodriguez, 34, and Hudson, 30, "got there at 2 a.m., but Kate left after a half-hour while A-Rod stayed close to 5 a.m.," a source

tells usmagazine.com. "Minka and Derek seemed really happy, as did they all, and didn't leave until 5 as well."

Since meeting Rodriguez this past May, Hudson has followed him closely during the winning season, attending games in Miami and Toronto.

At Yankee Stadium Wednesday night,

she and dad Kurt Russell cheered on (along with Spike Lee, Donald Trump, Regis Philbin and Mary J. Blige,

who sang the national anthem).

Although she denied engagement talk in the December issue of British Elle, Hudson is more than smitten with her beau. Us Weekly recently reported. Us also reported that Hudson has been mellowing out Rodriguez, a notorious egomaniac.

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Fergie's husband has stripper sex?

RAUNCHY RUMOURS The new issue of Us Weekly has more details on Josh Duhamel's alleged fling with an Atlanta stripper, usmagazine.com reports.

Nicole Forrester — a 34-year-old single mother-of-two — previously said on The Bert Show on Atlanta's Q100-FM that they "had lots of sex" at a hotel after he came into

the Tattletale club where she works in Atlanta. Forrester's lawyer, Romin Alavi, tells the new Us Weekly, "They fell asleep together, and he kept waking her up to have more sex."

During the night, Forrester claims,

Fergie's

name came up just once: "After he told me his real name, I asked, 'Are you Fergie's husband?' And he was like, 'You know what you know.'"

A lawyer for Duhamel strongly denies the stripper's claims — and wife Fergie, 34, is standing by her man, Us Weekly reports.

"Fergie says nothing is wrong. Every time I ask her how married life is, she says, 'Awesome!'" says a source. Another source tells Us Weekly, "Josh told her it didn't happen, and she believes him."

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Lovato loves Joe, but not like that

'HE'S INCREDIBLE' Heard a rumour from a little bird? Well, Demi Lovato has Tweeted a firm denial regarding those reports that she is dating Joe Jonas, people.com reports.

"There's been a lot of rumours lately that I'm dating one of my best friends Joe. I can promise my entire career that I am not. It's unfortunate that some people out there are so desperate for attention that they have to make up gossip to keep their site alive," Lovato wrote on her official Twitter page.

She added of her Camp Rock 2 costar, "We've NEVER dated. He's incredible, but we don't have feelings for each other in that way. I love you guys, and I wouldn't lie about that."

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Celebrity tweets



Jeremy Piven is looking to improve his Twitter experience, **Katy Perry** knows a better way to learn a foreign language, **Larry King** asks the tough questions, and **Kirstie Alley** goes looking for trouble.

@jeremypiven

Just put a laugh track on my tweets, makes my thumbs look bigger...

@katyperry

Learning how to speak german by watching Liza Minnelli in CABARET... And picking up some make up tips! What up BERLIN!

@kingsthings

Isn't Alanis Morissette Canadian?

@kirstiealley

Do u think its ok for men to smack women if they think the woman needs some discipline? Afraid of these answers

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Klum talks weight loss after baby

NO WAITING Heidi Klum is barely out of the maternity ward after delivering her fourth child, and she's already talking about losing the baby weight. "I wouldn't say I'm back in shape yet. Everything changes when you get older," she says, according to Contact Music. "I think that if you wait too long and it sticks there it stays that way forever. I have to be motivated." METRO WORLD NEWS



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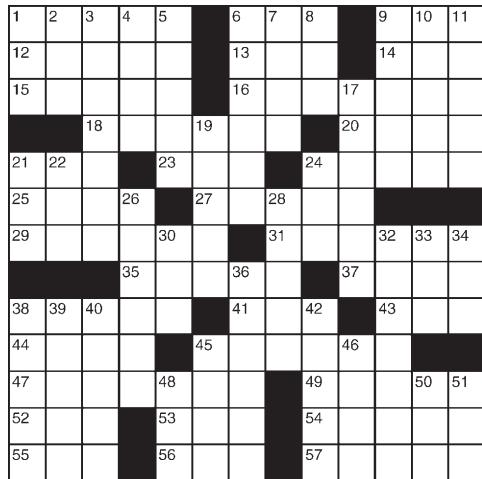
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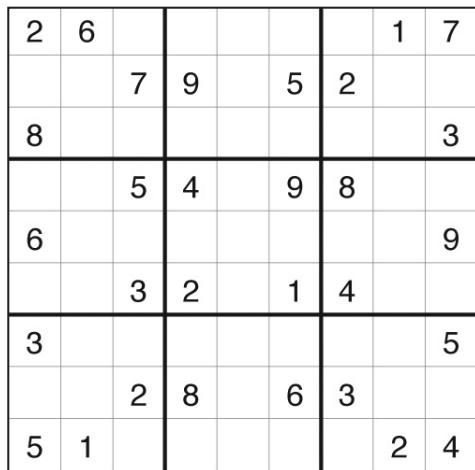
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1 Disember
 2 Inseparable
 3 Without a computer?
 4 Athletes
 5 Buffet-table heater
 6 Completely
 7 Zen paradox
 8 With 13-Across, Christmas quaff
 9 Similar
 10 Lost cause
 11 Not just pudgy
 12 Backbone-related
 13 Recommended safety limit
 14 Hotel accommodation
 15 Postpone
 16 Slogan
 17 Releases
 19 Mustard variety
 21 Fleur-de-—
 22 Superlative ending
 24 Schuss
 26 Bricklayer's tool
 28 "SNL" alumna Oteri
 30 Sister
 32 Phone to the president
 33 Submachine gun type
 34 Energy
 36 Pickled buds used as a garnish
 38 Disrobe
 39 Fragment
 40 Rattlesnake's cousin
 42 Follow
 45 Child's play
 46 "Lang Syne"
 48 Chit
 50 Scot's topper
 51 Mound stat

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B	A	H	S	E	M	P	A	N	E	L
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S	A	G	S	D	E	N	K	N	E	E

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Even an Aries is allowed to get it wrong now and again so don't get angry with someone simply because they point out where you are going wrong.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

You know what needs to be done and you know that it must be done, so why do you still hesitate to act? Could it be you are having doubts?

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

It might be wise to take what a work colleague says as the very opposite of what they mean. Sometimes you have to act on the worst case assumption.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

No matter how much others may curse and shout and hurl insults in your direction nothing they say can possibly hurt you, so don't be intimidated.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Sit down, put your feet up and let others do the running around for a change. The Sun's transit of the work and wellbeing area of your chart may be encouraging.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Keep your thoughts to yourself today, especially if you are one of those Sags who tends to talk at a rate of knots and give too much.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

No matter how sure you are of your own abilities you cannot possibly do everything alone and what happens today will encourage you to open up.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

What appears to be a setback early in the day will have you jumping for joy by the time the Sun goes down, so don't let that frown get stuck on your face.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Not everything is what it seems at the moment, most likely because you have placed your trust in someone who has been playing games behind your back.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

If you are happy with your life the way it is, that's fine, don't change a thing, but if you want to make changes now is the time.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

It's not often you let your emotions get the better of you but there will be times today when you find it very hard not to scream out loud.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

This is an extremely lucky time for you, so why the feeling of impending doom? It's most likely just a holdover from a time when you were not so fortunate.



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